

### **Listing and Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ **Apparatus** for receiving an audiovisual program comprising a circuit for communication with means of connection to a bidirectional communication network, wherein the apparatus comprises:
  - a first connector for communication with a master apparatus; said first connector comprising an electrical coupling for the reception of a supply voltage from a the master apparatus;
  - at least one a second connector for communication with a peripheral apparatus;
  - a switching circuit comprising at least a pin connected to at least an input/output pin of a controller, at least a pin connected to the first connector and at least a pin connected to the second connector, such that either the first connector is linked to the controller or the second connector is linked to the controller;
  - means ~~of~~ for detecting ~~of~~ a presence of the supply voltage on the first connector, the means ~~of~~ for detecting controlling a switching circuit for switching the apparatus to a master mode of operation in relation to the peripheral apparatus in the case of the absence of the voltage, and to a slave mode of operation in relation to the master apparatus when the supply voltage is present, wherein the means for detecting the presence of the supply voltage controls the switching circuit for permitting communication either between the apparatus and the peripheral apparatus connected via the second connector in the case of an absence of the supply voltage or between the apparatus and the master apparatus when said supply voltage is present.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~Apparatus~~ for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the first connector is a B type USB connector and each second connector is an A type USB connector.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus~~ Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the switching circuit comprises two first inputs/output pins each linked to respective ones of two input/output pins of a controller managing the bi-directional transfer of data between the first connector or the second connector and a main microprocessor of the apparatus, the switching circuit also comprises two second inputs/outputs and two third input/outputs allowing the connection of the first connector and second connector ~~so that either the first connector is linked to the respective ones of the first and second input/output pins, or the second connector is linked to the respective ones on the two input/output pins of the controller through the respective ones of the first and third input/output pins.~~

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus~~ Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of detecting ~~is~~ are linked, firstly to a specific input of the switching circuit, secondly to an input of the controller and thirdly to an input of the main microprocessor.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus~~ Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 1, wherein the master apparatus is a personal computer and the apparatus comprises a digital decoder connected to the communication network so as to allow the computer to ~~talk to~~ communicate with said network.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus~~ Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to Claim 3, wherein the means of detecting ~~detection~~ comprise a line transmitting either the supply voltage appearing on the first connector, or a signal representative of the appearance of the supply voltage on the first connector, to the switching circuit, the controller and the main microprocessor.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus~~ Apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral apparatus is linked to the second connector of the apparatus by way of a splitter.